

STA Extension Request

LSB Broadcasting, Inc. (“LSB”) requests a further extension of the special temporary authority (“STA”) originally granted in LMS File Number 0000064385, which was most recently extended in LMS File Number 0000116232 and which is scheduled to expire on December 24, 2020. The STA allows LSB to operate KVHP-LD under its displacement parameters with reduced power.

As explained in the station’s prior STA requests, KVHP-LD was granted a displacement application to change channel to Channel 34 with an increase in ERP to 15 kW (see LMS File Number 0000054529). The station’s displacement construction permit expires August 20, 2021. KVHP-LD transitioned to a temporary Channel 34 facility after receiving a commencement of operations notification from T-Mobile requiring KVHP-LD to cease transmission on its prior channel, Channel 44. Although T-Mobile subsequently notified KVHP-LD that it was no longer required to cease operating on Channel 44 immediately, the station’s transition plans and resources were already committed. KVHP-LD received special temporary authorization to operate on Channel 34 at 7.8 kW until additional work could be completed to reach the full ERP authorized for the station’s permanent Channel 34 facility.

At the time KVHP-LD requested the December 2019 STA extension the site owner advised the station that electrical work required for the station to reach full power could not be completed until at least the first quarter of 2020. Since then, work on the station’s permanent facility has been further delayed by restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the unanticipated demands on LSB’s staff and resources needed to maintain the operations of LSB’s stations during the pandemic. At this time, all that remains is to get additional electrical power over to the room where the transmitter is located and then hook in the additional amplifiers. However, COVID-19 related restrictions continue to limit our ability to complete this final step.

In light of the foregoing, LSB requests an additional six-month extension of the special temporary authority to operate on Channel 34 with power reduced at 7.8 kW. Grant of this request allows KVHP-LD to continue operating without interruption of service to the public.